

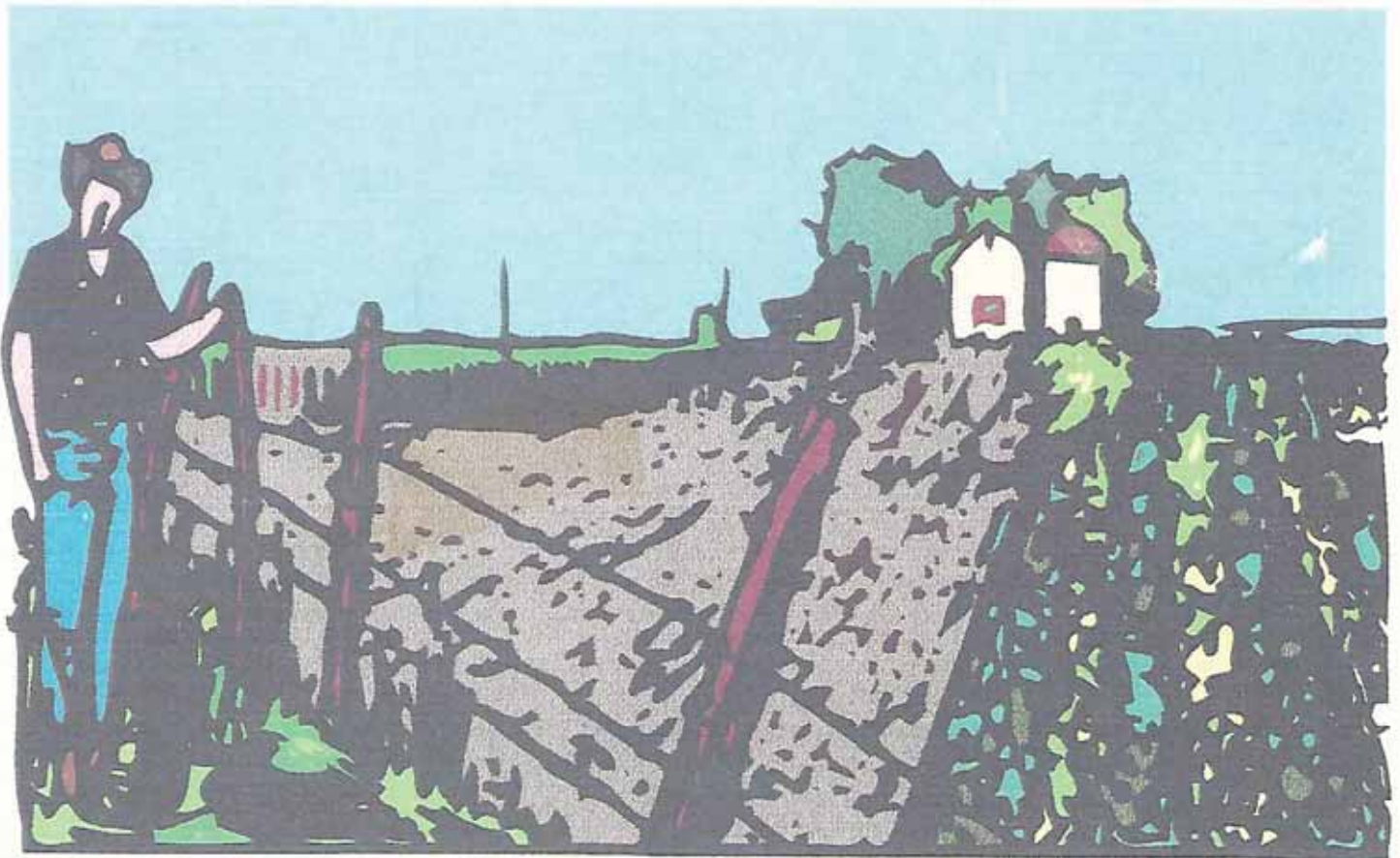
LAMBTON FEDERATION

OF

AGRICULTURE

ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1997



PROGRAM FOR THE BANQUET/ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1997
FAIR BUILDING, WYOMING
CHAIRPERSON FOR THE EVENING: JANET MATER

6:45 P.M. GRACE	DAN YOUNG
DINNER	
7:45 P.M. WELCOME	JANET MATER
INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE & GUESTS	DAVID SMITH
THANK THE FAIR BOARD MEMBERS	CALVIN FOWLER
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER	DAN CARON
GUEST SPEAKER	JOHN WEESE
THANK THE GUEST SPEAKER	DON STEWARDSON
GREETINGS FROM:	
COUNTY OF LAMBTON	MAC PARKER
ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE	GARY DAVISON
M.P.'S AND M.P.P.'S - Rose Marie Ur, M.P. - Lambton - Middlesex Constituency	
8:35 P.M. ENTERTAINMENT - HUGH BOYD	
9:00 P.M. ANNUAL MEETING	
CHAIRMAN OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS	GAYLE BOGART
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS - NOMINATION REPORT FOR DIRECTORS FROM EACH TOWNSHIP & DIRECTORS AT LARGE	
NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENTS	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING AS CIRCULATED TO THE MEETING	
APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS CIRCULATED TO MEETING	
APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR	
RESOLUTIONS NEW BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS	
9:35 P.M.	ADJOURNMENT

Presidents Report:

This has been an exciting and extremely busy year for both myself and Lambton Federation of Agriculture. Our Year started with the OFA Convention in Toronto, the theme was Farmers Mean Business. Our Jr. Farmer representative Lisa Alderman gave a very impressive presentation on the views of young farmers and OFA.

Right after convention was the Financial Seminar in early December. This seminar is a joint effort of BDO chartered accountants of Sarnia, OMFARA and the Lambton Federation of Agriculture. It provides timely information on tax questions, updates from OMAFRA and LFA, presentation on farm safety, highway regulations for farmers and much more.

LFA and the Middlesex Federation of Agriculture co-sponsored Leadership Training for our board directors in February and March. The participants learned what their "True Colours" were and how to work with others in a variety of situations.

The Area meeting with Middlesex provides an opportunity to exchange ideas and information.

The LFA was host for the 8 county summit meeting, met with local M.P.P.'s Mr. Beaubien and Mr. Boushy and sponsored the Meet the Candidates night for the election in May.

In August all the county presidents were invited to Toronto for round table discussion on the topic "Is the OFA Ready for the Future?". Further discussion was held in September and a steering committee will be formed to undertake the organizational review.

Myself and several Regional Directors attended many discussion meetings with the county planners as they reviewed Lambton County's official plan.

The LFA is still working on the Strategic Plan which is aimed at giving OFA some directions on improving its performance in representing the interests of its members.

Our first annual Farm Tour was held in September and was fairly well received. If you would like to participate in next years tour please let us know, we are looking for new host farms.

This is a brief run down of the highlights for last year. As you can see it truly was a busy year.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Mater, President, LFA

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

BY: RANDY MOLZAN
CHAIRMAN

In 1997 a great number of applications were received for the three Bell-Federation scholarships, Bill and Dorothy Abraham Bursary, Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Dona Stewardson Scholarship and the Kerrigan Scholarship.

Winners of the scholarships were:

Dona Stewardson Scholarship	Julie Cates	\$400.00
Joyce Anderson Memorial Scholarship	Jessica St. Pierre	\$400.00
Bell-Federation Scholarship 4 year course	Katherine Campbell	\$500.00
Bell-Federation Scholarship 2 year course	Don Vandamme	\$250.00
Kerrigan Scholarship	Katherine Campbell	\$200.00
Bill and Dorothy Abraham Bursary	Carolyn Vandamme	\$250.00

Application Deadline for all scholarships and bursary is January 15 each year.

DONATIONS TOWARDS THE DOOR PRIZES (FLOWERS ON EACH TABLE)

KUCERA FARM SUPPLY	1	ALVINSTON
WANSTEAD CO-OP	1	ALVINSTON
MATER FARM DRAINAGE	1	INWOOD
CARGILL	4	MANDAUMIN
PARKLAND FARMS	2	SARNIA
MCNALLY FARM EQUIPMENT	1	INWOOD
SANDERS FARM EQUIPMENT	1	WATFORD
CARGILL FERTILIZERS	1	GLENCOE
LAMBTON JR FARMERS	1	
BURNS & TYHURST	1	DAWN TOWNSHIP
ST. CLAIR AGRIC SERVICES	1	RUTHERFORD
WEBSTER FARM SUPPLY	2	WYOMING
WHOLISTIC CHOICES	1	INWOOD
HENSALL DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE	1	FOREST
FOREST AGRI SERVICES LTD.	1	FOREST

COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN COMMITTEE:

BY: Allan Shaw

The County Official Plan Committee was established to represent the Lambton Federation and the agriculture industry on a Public Focus Group coordinated by the County of Lambton's Planning and Development Department. The Public Focus Group, which consists of many Lambton County organizations has been meeting over the last 18 months discussing the new County Official Plan. Many agricultural issues were addressed by the Focus Group and the LFA was instrumental in establishing guidelines to be included in the Official Plan, for example:

- minimum 100 acre lot size severance to discourage the fragmentation of farmland
- "Right to Farm" concept included to allow normal farm practices without interference from non-farm residents
- Minimum Distance Separation requirements for new and /or expanding livestock facilities

The efforts of this committee and their contributions to the development of Lambton County's Official Plan will help to ensure that agriculture will be an integral part of our community for years to come.

LAMBTON JUNIOR FARMERS

BY: STEVE R. WILKINSON
Agriculture Representative

The Lambton County Junior Farmers composed of thirty members ranging in age from 15 to 29. The club is run entirely by the members, who improve their leadership and communication skills by organizing meetings, road clean ups (Plank Road) and food booths. We also get to meet other clubs and their members by taking part in provincial sport events and culture activities. Next year Lambton will host Culturama. To learn about the rest of Canada and the world we hosted International Young Farmers and take part in interprovincial exchanges. Steven Wilkinson spent two enjoyable weeks in Manitoba this past year hosted by the Manitoba Rural Youth. Lambton also supports local and provincial charities.



- If you can laugh at it, then you can live with it

"That's our vacation? We'll milk the Joneses' cows and they'll milk ours?"

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

BY: Randy Molzan

This was the first year we ran the Blue Water Farm Hiker Tour. It was held on the third Sunday in September. The public left the Lambton Mall and visited five different farms in the county. The Core Brothers dairy operation outside Wyoming; Scott Helps & Family egg production outside Reece's Corner; Tony Hogervorst & Family vegetable farm outside Watford; Munroe Honey (Bryans family) in Alvinston and the Marriott family farm outside Petrolia. There was also a farm demonstration setup at Sanders Farm Equipment in Watford.

The reason behind the tour was to make the public more aware of the issues facing agriculture and to give them an idea of how farms have progressed. All of the farms visited on the tour were in my mind ahead of their time and did an excellent job in explaining their operations. From the response from the "comment sheets" that were returned there were no complaints, and everyone felt it was worth the day out.

In closing, I would like to thank Janet Loosemore and John Young the two other LFA directors on the committee. As well as Garry Straatman (wheat board), Don McCabe (corn board), Rob Annett (soybean board), Mary Bryans (honey board), Scott Helps (egg board), Mike Huybers (pork board) and Eddy VanEnglen (dairy board). It was great to have all the committees in Lambton work together to make it a success.

We would like to build on this year's success of about 120 families that went on the tour and hold it again next year. If you would like to be involved as a tour farm it would be appreciated and please contact me if you have any comments or questions. Thank you.

G.A.P.L.O. ST CLAIR

BY: Bill McGuire

There seems to be no end to pipelines in Lambton County and Southern Ontario. A millennium 26 inch Pipeline that will carry a pressure of 1440 lbs. is being proposed from Dawn Compressor Station to near Port Stanley by St. Clair Pipeline Co. As a result of the proposal the Gas Pipeline Landowners of Ontario St. Clair, known as (G.A.P.L.O. St. Clair), has been formed to try and negotiate a fair deal for landowners, the cost to join is \$100 per landowner, G.A.P.O.L. St Clair will help prepare for National Energy Board hearing. Easement agreements that specify one natural gas pipeline per easement, liability clauses, abandonment clauses, construction procedures, safety (Rural landowners have thinner walled pipe installed than their urban neighbours), pipeline routing and compensation.

Prime concern of G.A.P.L.O. St. Clair is safety of landowners, families and general public, protect G.A.P.L.O. St. Clair members from possible liabilities resulting from a transmission pipeline, protect members from any possible devaluation of property due to pipeline easement. This is important to landowners with farms, as property is a major part of retirement funds for our members. Lambton Federation of Agriculture is a member of G.A.P.L.O. St. Clair. If anyone is contacted by St. Clair Pipeline people do not sign anything without contacting G.A.P.L.O. St. Clair. The Co-Chairpersons are Allen Butler (519)692-4094 and Don Weekes (519)257-3794.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

BY: Janet Mater

The training for 1997 took the form of a joint venture with Middlesex Federation of Agriculture. There were approximately 10 board directors from each federation plus approximately 5 Junior Farmers (some from each county).

The focus was "Keys to Successful Leadership" with Cora Whittington of Whittington & Associates from Peterborough as facilitator. There were 5 sessions rotating between Komoka and Petrolia OMAFRA offices.

The participants learned about leadership style, recognizing and appreciating unique strengths of others, various forms of motivation and behaviour and minimizing conflict. Also, covered were effective meeting skills, priority setting, time and stress management, idea development and implementation and finally thinking on your feet. These topics were presented in a fun, entertaining way so it didn't seem like such hard work.

The training for 1998 will be done more in house and with local trainers. The focus will be around team building. Hopefully we will only have one extra evening to launch the training and the remaining sessions will be done at regular board meetings. The goal is to complete the sessions during the winter months.

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

BY: Janet Mater

The second annual A.I.T.C. event was held April 8 & 9 at the Hiawatha building in Sarnia. Just over 1000 students attended this event, this is up from 700 students last year. There were 7 learning centres, each representing a commodity. These were beef, dairy, poultry, pork (new for '97) soyabeans, corn and wheat. There were students from the public and separate school boards, the Christian school board and the Homeschool sector. The students were bused from as far north as Grand Bend and Bosanquet and as far South as Brooke.

The 1998 event is well under way already, as the deadline for registration was November 14, 1997. There will be 7 learning centres again, most likely representing the same commodities as before.

The LFA supports this event financially and has several board directors working with the A.I.T.C. group.

I wish to thank Julie Fowler for providing me with the above information.

TOWNSHIP	NAME
BOSANQUET	Stephen Clemens
WARWICK	
BROOKE	Randy Molzan
EUPHEMIA	Janet Mater
DAWN	Mac Brown
ENNISKILLEN	Calvin Fowler
PLYMPTON	Les Armstrong
SARNIA	John Young
MOORE	Larry Mitchell
SOMBRA	Rob Johnston
DIRECTORS AT LARGE	Don McGugan Adrian VanEnglen Lisa Alderman Herb Deelstra Allan Shaw Bill McGuire
JR. FARMER DIRECTOR	Steve Wilkinson
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE DIRECTOR	Janet Loosemore
RADIO DIRECTOR	Debbie Coke
REGIONAL DIRECTORS(OFA)	Dan Caron Robert Mater Don Stewardson David Smith
ADVISORY DIRECTOR	Bryan Boyle
SECRETARY-TREASURER	Lois Wakefield

10 Township Directors
 4 OFA Regional Directors
 1 Past President
 1 Jr. Farmer Director
 1 Women's Institute
 4 Directors at Large

21 TOTAL



The smallest good deed is better than the greatest good intention

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

DATE: Friday, November 15th, 1996
PLACE: Wyoming Fair Building, Wyoming
ATTENDANCE: 155
GRACE: Given by Dan Young

Welcome was given by the President Robert Johnston
Introduction of the Head Table and Guest by the 1st Vice President Janet Mater.
Warwick Township representative Marie Veroude thanked the Fair Board for a
delicious dinner served.
Past President Robert Mater introduced the Guest Speaker Kevin Stewart from CFPL-
TV - Family Farm Show.
Brooke Township representative Randy Molzan thanked the Guest Speaker.

Greetings from:

County of Lambton - Warden Gordon Minielly
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs - Bryan Boyle
Ontario Federation of Agriculture - OFA executive member Ken Kelly
- Rose Marie Ur, M.P. - Lambton -Middlesex Constituency
- David Boushy, M.P.P. - Sarnia Constituency
- Marcel Beaudien, M.P.P. and Roger Gallaway, M.P. unable to attend because of
illness.

Laurene Denkers, Florence provided the entertainment.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE:

ARTICLE # 7 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2. The President, 1st Vice President and the 2nd Vice President shall be elected
from the County Board of Directors by secret ballot nomination, and secret
vote, or all who are entitled to vote at the regularly held annual meeting of
the Lambton Federation of Agriculture.

President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents shall be limited to not more than
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the Lambton Federation of Agriculture.

President, *Vice Presidents* shall be limited to not more than three (3)
consecutive years in any one office.

Moved by Randy Molzan and seconded by Janet Mater to approve Article # 7 - Board
of Directors No. 2.

RETIRING DIRECTORS:

Robert thanked the retiring directors Scott Helps, Dan Young and Bill Stevens for
the work they did with LFA.

Annual Meeting: Chairman of Election of Officers - Earl Morwood

Scrutineers:

Moved by Allan Shaw and seconded by Dan Caron CARRIED
That Bryan Boyle and Laurene Denkers be the Scrutineers.

Moved by Scott Helps and seconded by L. Armstrong CARRIED

To declare all positions of the current board vacant.

Nomination report:

Bosanquet: Steven Clemens	Warwick: Marie Veroude
Brooke: Randy Molzan	Dawn: Mac Brown
Sombra: Robert Johnston	Sarnia: John Young
Moore: Larry Mitchell	Euphemia: Janet Mater
Enniskillen: Calvin Fowler	Plympton: Les Armstrong

Directors at Large:

Adrian VanEnglen

Lisa Alderman

Allan Shaw - Jr. Farmer

Past President: Robert Mater

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Nominated for President Steve Clemens, Janet Mater and Rob Johnston.
Steve and Rob declined

JANET MATER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LFA.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Randy Molzan, Steve Clemens, Dave Smith
Randy, Steve, Dave declined.

It was decided that the Board of directors elect Vice Presidents at their next regular meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

Moved by Dave Smith and seconded by Dan Caron CARRIED

To adopt the minutes of the last Annual Meeting as circulated to the meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Moved by Allan Shaw and seconded by Don Stewardson CARRIED

To approve the financial statement as circulated the meeting.

AUDITOR 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR

Moved by Robert Mater and seconded by LaVerne Wray CARRIED

To appoint World Data Service to be auditor for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Resolutions - None

New Business - None

Announcements - President Ron Cox, of Kent Federation of Agriculture Annual meeting December 13th (a day meeting)

Adjourned by Darrell Randell

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P.O.Box 760
Petrolia, Ontario
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Phone (519) 882 2230

November 14, 1997

Directors and Members
Lambton Federation of Agriculture

Dear Members:

RE: 1997 year end

We have reviewed your accounting records as at September 30, 1997 with your secretary and have found them to be in balance for the year then ending.

The statements and records were verified and found to be in balance and properly kept in accordance with good accounting principles.

The balance of the two Scholarship accounts and the Bursary account were verified with the Royal Bank pass books and the Moore Credit Union, Wyoming pass book.

Your records indicate the following GIC Investments. The Bell Federation \$15,000.00 with Royal Trust. Bill and Dorothy Abraham \$3,500.00 with Royal Bank. Kerrigan Scholarship \$2,000.00 with Moore Credit Union. And Four \$5,165.13 GIC's plus 1997 interest of \$572.58 total of \$21,233.08 with St. Wiliibrord Community Credit Union. And \$13,000.00 invested with Bonnie Clark at National Bank and Sunlife Trust. Interest earned for 1996/97 was \$854.75 Total GIC investment \$54,733.08. These amounts were confirmed and verified with your secretary.

Thank you for the opportunity to have been of service to you in 1997.

Yours truly


World Data Service Ltd.

LAMBTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OCTOBER 1, 1996 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand Oct.1,1996	\$28,394.98
Levies and Grants	8,734.69
Miscellaneous	935.73
OFA Rebate	48,350.00
Scholarship	1,450.00
Interest (Bank)	43.57
Interest (GIC)	854.75
O/C Cheques Writen Off	463.40

EXPENDITURES:

Salary & Benefit	\$ 5,721.00
Postage	367.64
Telephone	2,143.78
Office Supplies	625.11
Mileage	6,009.49
Secretary Expense	1,800.00
Outside Services	294.25
Scholarship	2,250.00
Insurance	550.80
Training/Leadership	1,430.00
Agri. Food	2,852.16
Regional Meeting	611.92
Advertising	6,357.21
Annual Meeting	1,402.67
RegionalDirectors Per Die	1,920.00
Per Diem	10,354.20
OFA Convention Expense	3,600.00
Farm Safety	526.70
Miscellaneous	857.24
Farm Management	352.59
Draws/Promotion	1,135.50
Phone (Mobile)	361.21
Hall Rent	670.38
Donations Membership	800.00
Donations Organization	330.00
Agri In Classroom/Agri FD	1,039.03

54,362.88

Cash on hand Sept.30/97 34,864.24

TOTAL:

\$ 89,227.12 TOTAL:

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KERRIGAN SCHOLARSHIP

OCTOBER 1, 1996 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

INCOME:

Bank Balance October 1, 1996		\$ 426.87
GIC Interst		117.32
Bank Interest		1.31
Withdraw	\$ 200.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>\$ 545.50</u>
Bank Balance September 30, 1997		\$ 345.50
GIC \$2,000.00 Wyoming Credit Union		

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GIC - FARM PLUS

ST. WILLIBRORD COMMUNITY CREDIT UNIION

4 GIC's \$5,000.00 each St Willibrord Credit Union

September 1996 Balance	\$ 20,660.50
Interest October 1996 To September 1997	572.58

Balance October 1997	\$ 21,233.08

4 GIC'S @ \$ 5,308.27 each

BELL-FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

OCTOBER 1, 1996 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

INCOME:

Bank Balance October 1, 1996		\$ 1,077.10
Bank Interest		5.95
Bank GIC Interest		1,091.30
Withdraw	1,000.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,174.35</u>
Bank Balance September 30, 1995		\$ 1,174.35
GIC \$15,000 Royal Trust -		

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BILL & DOROTHY ABRAHAM BURSARY

OCTOBER 1, 1996 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

INCOME:

Bank Balance October 1, 1996		\$ 225.62
GIC Interest		238.00
Bank Interest		.47
Withdraw	\$ 250.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$ 250.00</u>	<u>\$ 464.09</u>
Bank Balance September 30, 1995		\$ 214.09
GIC \$ 3,500.00 Royal Bank		

The Goose story

This spring or next fall, when you see geese heading north for the summer or south for the winter, flying along in a "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered about why they fly that way.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following.

By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 per cent more flying range than possible if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone . . . and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What do we say when we honk from behind?

Finally . . . and this is important . . . when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies. Only then do they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.

FARM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND TAX SEMINAR

CO-SPONSORED BY: BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants
Lambton Federation of Agriculture
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs

When: Monday, December 8, 1997
Where: Wyoming Fair Building, Wyoming
Time: Starts at 9:30 a.m. (sharp) and finishes at 3:00 p.m.

Registration: You must pre-register by filling out and mailing the attached to:

BDO DUNWOODY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
BOX 730
SARNIA, ON N7T 7J7
TELEPHONE: (519) 336-9900 FAX (519) 332-4828

(This year we will be collecting can goods and cash donations that will go to the Christmas for Everyone Organization)

AGENDA

- Chairman - Donald W. Dafoe, BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants
- 9:10 - Coffee and doughnuts, provided through the courtesy of The Farm Credit Corporation
- 9:30 - Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs - 1997 update
- 10:00- Canada Customs and the transportation of farm products across international borders - Sharon La Pier, Inspector, Canada Customs
- 10:30 - Break - apples/cheese provided through the courtesy of Lambton Federation of Agriculture
- 10:45 - Answers to frequently asked accounting and tax questions - BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants
- 11:40 - Lambton Federation of Agriculture - 1997 update
- NOON Lunch
Provided free of charge through the courtesy of Hendrick Equipment Ltd., Kucera Farm Supply Ltd., Podolinsky Farm Equipment Ltd. and BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants
- 1:00 - Update on Farm Tax Rebate changes
Robert Seguin, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Ontario
- 1:30 - Update on Municipal Restructuring - Bryan Boyle, O.M.A.F.R.A.
- 1:45 - The Potential for the Hemp Industry in Ontario - Claude Pinsonneault, Chatham.
- 2.15 - "Challenge of Numbers" - A look at the Canadian Banking System - Victor Knight
- 3:00 - Adjournment

Farm Seminar Registration

Name: _____ Phone # _____
Address: _____ Postal Code _____

The tax question I would like answered is:

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